

Intergroup report 2015 for Log Cabin “Sunlight of the Spirit” 1pm Monday

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Hello, my name is Casey W. and I am the CSR of our meeting currently.
I chose to type a report so that there would be one report to refer to.
Basically, you're either interested in these things or you aren't.

As Central Service Representative (CSR), it was suggested that I bring the “will of the group” to CSR meetings and to vote at the Intergroup meeting. I had no tea leaves to read, so when it came time to vote, I operated under these mysterious signals to my brain and my hand occasionally was raised when I heard “YES, NO or ABSTAIN.”

I had principled reasoning behind all hand motions I’m sure, but the signals may or may not have represented the group, so if you would like to suggest a manner for gathering the will of this group, feel free to contact me at somsoc99@gmail.com. Please don’t call me, I only want to have recorded conversations unless we are at group level, then the custom is anonymity.

I believe that there will be a transcript of the Intergroup meeting, and perhaps by calling Central Office, you will be able to review it faster than a briskly moving pedestrian may come across paper manifestations of the it.

Central Office LA AA (323) 936-4343

My feelings about the meeting are as follows:

Centralization is one of those concepts that may be referred to by the Twelve Traditions:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Traditions



[also often seen hung on walls at AA meeting clubs]

I don’t think it necessary to pay higher rents to house books and pamphlets in central LA (in this case 4311 Wilshire Blvd #104, Los Angeles, CA 90010). I didn’t feel that the special workers employed by AA were receptive to cost-cutting measures. The rent of the Wilshire office is about \$4,000/month.

Books are sold at Central Office and they cost the same as they do on the central AA website <http://aa.org>

However, pdf versions are available for viewing and download on that website, and may be useful for us.

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From: <http://lacoaa.org/laco-bookstore/>

"Beginning April 1, 2015 the Los Angeles Central Office Bookstore will be open:

9 AM to 6:30 PM, Monday – Thursday

9 AM to 4:30 PM, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Central Office now ships via United States Postal Service Priority Mail."

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There is also an audio MP3 version of the AA book available at

https://archive.org/details/alcoholicsanonymous_201505

I gather that it is in no way affiliated with official AA literature and may or may not be useful to those of us who fall asleep while reading the paper version, or who have strength problems that might hinder them from carrying a heavier book.

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I am personally of the opinion that reducing costs is as important as maintaining steady contributions to LA Central Office. I do not think it is necessary to increase contributions to Central Office, and it is my recommendation that contributions to Central Office be decreased.

I recommend that internet telephone solutions be implemented that will cover the 24/7 hotline experience.

I recommend a reconsideration of renting an office at \$4,000/month. I recommend considering central shipping of literature as a cost-effective alternative to central distribution in LA. I recommend cheaper and used

versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve Traditions for those who prefer to use paper to carry the message.

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/alcoholics-anonymous-alcoholics-anonymous-world-services-inc/1112787843?ean=9780916856595&itm=1&usri=9780916856595>

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http://cart4.barnesandnoble.com/op/request.aspx?ean1=2671229474873&path_state=-759443007&productcode1=MP&qty1=1&stage=fullCart&uiaction=multAddMoreToCart

[if those links are dead then try searching for "CHEAP AA BOOKS" or "CHEAP 12 and 12" on the internet.]

I was unimpressed with the concept of a central office. If you are impressed with this concept, feel free to call your sponsor and ask him or her if they want you to email me at somsoc99@gmail.com

Otherwise, please discuss this at the meeting level so that the will of the group can be attended to. If anyone would like to make an announcement regarding the Central Office or the CSR position, please voice yourself during the call for AA announcements at our meeting (usually around 1:45 PM on Monday).

The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous
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During its first decade, A.A. as a fellowship accumulated substantial experience which indicated that certain group attitudes and principles were particularly valuable in assuring survival of the informal structure of the Fellowship. In 1946, in the Fellowship's international journal, the A.A. Grapevine, these principles were reduced to writing by the founders and early members as the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were accepted and endorsed by the membership as a whole at the International Convention of A.A., at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1950.

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

While the Twelve Traditions are not specifically binding on any group or groups, an overwhelming majority of members have adopted them as the basis for A.A.'s expanding "internal" and public relationships.

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